



August 29, 2002

G. William Pennington
Chief Energy Efficiency Program Specialist
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS 28
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Pennington:

I have received reports from our trade association, NAIMA, on the activities of the Commission as it evaluates possible upgrades to the California Energy Efficiency Standards. Since recent discussions have been centered on the proper installation of insulation, I thought you should be aware of our participation in a third-party insulation contractor certification program.

When CertainTeed Corporation joined the NAHB Research Center in 1995 to develop its Certified Contractor Program, we realized that this was an opportunity for us to actively promote this program with our insulation contractor customers. Our sales personnel used literature and videos (in both English and Spanish) to train the installers on how to properly install our products. We also developed manuals to guide them while on the job site. I am enclosing some of this material for your review.

Our hope would be that when your final revisions are adopted, and if they contain a contractor certification provision, you would accept our certified insulation contractors as certified under your program.

Please call me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 610-341-7673 or at glenn.j.singer@saint-gobain.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn J. Singer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Glenn J. Singer
Manager, Building Science

Cc: Robert Pernell
Commissioner, California Energy Commission